



*The Y's Women*

December 2019

# The Y's Women Newsletter

## *Holiday Luncheon*

*Thursday, December 12, 12:00 noon  
Birchwood Country Club, 25 Kings Highway South, Westport*

*Featuring entertainment by the Y's Men's "Hoot Owls" Glee Club*

*Your check for \$45 - made out to Y's Women and mailed to  
Barbara Morrow, 132 Old Mill Road, Shelton, CT 06484 - must be received  
no later than Friday, November 29th. No walk-in exceptions.*

**Be sure to indicate choice of entrée:**

- \* **Chicken of the Woods - Wild mushroom stuffed chicken breast, garlic herbed roast potatoes, and creamed spinach**
  - \* **Seafood Stuffed Sole - Filet of sole with shrimp and scallop stuffing, topped with lemon butter, warm salad of roast tomatoes, frisee, asparagus, and Peruvian potatoes**
  - \* **Butternut Ravioli (vegetarian) - Brown butter sage sauce, roasted peppers, red onions, and garlic**
- Dessert will be Warm Apple Strudel with vanilla ice cream and caramel sauce**

**Also indicate the names of people with whom you wish to sit (up to 10). Seating arrangements CANNOT be changed at the luncheon.**

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*I will attend the Holiday Luncheon.*

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Choice of entrée:* \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to sit with:* \_\_\_\_\_

We will continue our tradition of collecting gifts for the Mercy Learning Center at the luncheon. All items should be new and placed in clear plastic bags, with size and gender marked where appropriate.

Suggestions include bed linens (twin-size), towels, clothing for women and children, toilet articles for men and women (no samples, please!), pre-paid phone cards, and gift cards for local shops. (Please place phone or gift cards in envelope with amount shown on outside.)

No toys - since they are contributed by many other groups.

**Questions about gifts? Call Sarah Hock, 557-4249**

## SATELLITE GROUPS (Y's Women Members ONLY)

**Book Group 3** will meet on Friday, December 13 at 10:30 am at Panera Bread on Post Road East, next to Home Goods in Westport, to discuss *Golden Hill: A Novel of Old New York* by Francis Spufford. This prizewinning novel from 2017 follows the adventures of a mysterious young man living in bustling Manhattan 30 years before the American Revolution. New members are welcome. RSVP to Doris Levinson at 227-3371 or [drjlevinson@gmail.com](mailto:drjlevinson@gmail.com).

The **Movie Club** will meet on Wednesday, December 18 at Panera Bread. We meet informally at 1:00 pm and begin discussion at 1:30. Our two discussion movies for December are *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* and *The Good Liar*.

“Tom Hanks portrays Mister Rogers in ‘A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood,’ a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. After a jaded magazine writer (Emmy winner Matthew Rhys) is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his skepticism, learning about empathy, kindness, and decency from America's most beloved neighbor.”

In *The Good Liar*, “Career con man Roy (Ian McKellen) sets his sights on his latest mark: recently widowed Betty (Helen Mirren), worth millions. And he means to take it all. But as the two draw closer, what should have been another simple swindle takes on the ultimate stakes. Legendary actors Mirren and McKellen star together on screen for the first time in this suspenseful drama about the secrets people keep and the lies they live.”

If you wish to be added to the email list for future events, please contact Margaret Mitchell at 255-9094 or [margaret06824@yahoo.com](mailto:margaret06824@yahoo.com).

**Wise Investment Group:** We invite you to join the Wise Investment Group. We may mentor a new group as several potential members declined to join because the buy-in was too expensive. If a new group is started, it would be up to the new members to decide how much money they would like to initially contribute to the stock portfolio. In any case, you can also join the established group. If this is too confusing, contact our president, Lois Block, at [loisblock@optonline.net](mailto:loisblock@optonline.net) or 761-1177 and she will clarify your options.



*Y's Women enjoyed a wonderful day in New York City on November 4 touring Broadway and off-Broadway musical theaters.*

The **Solos** holiday party will take place this year at Osteria Romano on Tuesday, December 17 at 5:00 pm. The price is \$40, which includes appetizer, salad, main course, dessert, coffee, tea, and WINE. We will have a PRIVATE ROOM. Please bring a \$10 gift. RSVP to Joan Weinstein at 227-7304 or [46tannery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:46tannery@sbcglobal.net), and mail your check payable to Joan Weinstein – Solos to 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883.

**Lunch & Trivia** will meet on Monday, December 9 at noon at the VFW on Riverside Avenue. Please contact Ann Lloyd at [aslloyd@optimum.net](mailto:aslloyd@optimum.net) or 226-4145 or Arlene Bloom at [bloomah@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bloomah@sbcglobal.net) or 254-9096 if you plan to attend.

**Newstalk 2:** We have started a **Newstalk 2** because of popular demand. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14 at 10:00 am at the Westport Library, room 214. If you have any questions, please contact Vera DeStefano at [vera@dcstructural.com](mailto:vera@dcstructural.com) or 227-0199.

### Paddle Tennis

The Paddle Tennis Group is no longer a Y's Women satellite group. Please note that this means its events are not covered by the Y's Women's insurance policy. We regret this decision.

## WANTED: WEBMASTER

In June, Maxine Meyerhardt – our esteemed webmaster – wishes to retire from maintaining the Y's Women website and sending out the eblasts that contain our newsletters and announcements. She is looking for someone to take her place. If you enjoy working with your PC or Mac, Maxine urges you to consider this opportunity. She would begin training you now and would work with you until you are perfectly comfortable in the role. Maxine would also serve as your back-up when you are not available. "This is a Board-level position, which would give you a voice in leadership at Y's Women," says Maxine. "And it really isn't difficult to do." Please contact her at [Maccieny@comcast.net](mailto:Maccieny@comcast.net) or 513-2833 if you have any interest.

## New and Returning Members

Y's Women extends a warm welcome to these new and returning members of our organization:

### New members

Mary Alvarez  
Jane Barbieri  
Michele Cirino  
Ellie Derwin  
Sue Erickson  
Myra Hess  
Ina Lozyniak  
Ellyn Myers

Sandy Nathan  
Barbara Raffel  
Allison Robbins  
Ruth Summers

### Returning members

Joyce Barnhart  
Julie Belaga  
Ellen Cahill



*The Y's Women were treated to a wonderful concert by Staples High School's Orphenians at our meeting on November 11.*

## CARPOOL AND GO



On Wednesday, December 18, we will visit the Walsh Art Gallery at Fairfield University's Quick Center to see a very special show of 22 bronze sculptures by August Rodin from the celebrated Iris and B. Gerald Cantor collection. We will have a docent-led tour of

the exhibit – titled **Rodin: Truth, Form, Life** – starting at 10:30 am, and we will see for ourselves how his work from “unposed” live models is a true break from the more classical style of many of his contemporaries, leading to him being widely regarded as the greatest European sculptor since Michelangelo. After this tour, we will have time to visit Bellarmine Hall / Fairfield Art Museum to view a complementary show, **Prints from the Age of Rodin**, featuring lithographs and etchings by Rodin's contemporaries including Berthe Morisot, Henri de Toulouse Lautrec, and Félix Vallotton before having lunch at **Pizzeria Molto** in downtown Fairfield.



We will meet in the Trader Joe's / Wells Fargo parking lot at 9:45 am

for a 10:00 departure. Please be in touch with **Lydia Menendez** at [lydiamnndz12@gmail.com](mailto:lydiamnndz12@gmail.com) or 319-1110 to reserve your spot. Also, send a check for \$12.50, payable to Lydia, to 388 Oldfield Road, Fairfield, CT 06824 to cover the docent fee of \$150 (assuming we have 12 signed up for the trip). Please indicate if you are willing to drive – **drivers are always needed and appreciated!**